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### Errors, feedback and attentional load

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# Thanks!

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People say that raising a kid is a very complex and daunting task. Until that moment comes in my life, I am very certain that writing this PhD has been the most difficult thing I have ever done. It was also made more difficult because I had long finished my degree before I started in Groningen and because I had to move to a new country and that required a process of adaptation. During this time, many people helped and this is the moment to give them a word of thanks.

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